

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16. (canceled).

17. (currently amended) An isolated oligonucleotide sequence or variant thereof coding for a modified ~~receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK)~~ vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) polypeptide suitable for x-ray crystallography, said modified ~~RTK~~ VEGFR polypeptide ~~comprises an RTK comprising a VEGFR~~ kinase domain α helix D linked to ~~an RTK~~ a VEGFR kinase domain α helix E by a truncated ~~RTK~~ VEGFR kinase insert domain (KID).

18. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated oligonucleotide sequence or variant thereof of claim 17, wherein the modified VEGFR polypeptide is coding for the modified VEGFR-2 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 5.